

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
TERRE HAUTE DIVISION

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| MELISSA K. SHARP,                  | ) |                           |
|                                    | ) |                           |
| Plaintiff,                         | ) |                           |
|                                    | ) |                           |
| v.                                 | ) | No. 2:19-cv-00405-JPH-DLP |
|                                    | ) |                           |
| ANDREW M. SAUL Commissioner of the | ) |                           |
| Social Security Administration,    | ) |                           |
|                                    | ) |                           |
| Defendant.                         | ) |                           |


**ORDER GRANTING ATTORNEY FEES**

Defendant Andrew Saul has filed a joint stipulation to award Plaintiff Melissa Sharp \$9,000.00 in attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). Dkt. [21].

For the reasons in the stipulation, the Court **GRANTS** the joint stipulation for attorney fees and awards the sum of \$9,000.00 under the EAJA. Any fees paid belong to Ms. Sharp and not her attorney and can be offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt that the litigant owes the United States. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010).

**SO ORDERED.**

Date: 2/10/2020

  
James Patrick Hanlon  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of Indiana

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